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<p>In re application of:</p> <p>BABKES, et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/671,368</p> <p>Filed: September 25, 2003</p> <p>Title: Hinge System for Combination Hand Truck, Step Ladder and Dolly Device</p>	<p>Examiner: Not Yet Assigned</p> <p>Group Art Unit: 3634</p> <div><p>Certificate of Mailing</p><p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail Service, Label No. ER500464400US in an envelope addressed to Special Program Examiner for Group 3634, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on January 21, 2004.</p><p><i>Kathy Mojibi</i> Kathy Mojibi</p></div>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.